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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORTS OF BILATERAL ANTITRUST TREATY

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1. GOA INTEREST IN ANTITRUST AGREEMENT HAS BEEN EXPRESSED
IN OECD CONTEXT. FOLLOWING JUNE 1976 DISCUSSION OF US-FRG
ANTITRUST AGREEMENT IN OECD'S COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON
RESTRICTIVE BUSINESS PRACTICES, IT WAS GENERALLY AGREED
THAT COPY OF AGREEMENT SHOULD BE DISTRIBUTED FOR STUDY.

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COPY WAS PROVIDED GOA UNDER COVER OF LETTER FROM JUSTICE

DEPARTMENT EXPRESSING US INTEREST IN AGREEMENTS OF THIS NATURE. JUSTICE HAS RECEIVED NO FURTHER WORD FROM AUSTRALIANS AND REFTEL WAS FIRST INDICATION THAT GOA IS ACTIVELY STUDYING THE QUESTION.

2. THRUST OF US-FRG AGREEMENT IS THAT ANTITRUST AUTHORITIES IN BOTH COUNTRIES WILL COOPERATE AND RENDER ASSISTANCE IN CONNECTION WITH ANTITRUST INVESTIGATIONS, STUDIES RELATED TO COMPETITION POLICY AND ACTIVITIES RELATED TO RESTRICTIVE BUSINESS PRACTICE WORK OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OF WHICH BOTH PARTIES ARE MEMBERS. COPY OF AGREEMENT BEING POUCHED.

3. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES EMBASSY'S PROMPT REPORTING OF STORY. WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED OF ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS. KISSINGER

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